

HOUSE BILL No. 1072

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: None (noncode).

Synopsis: Review of ISTEP program. Requires the department of education, or an entity with which the department of education contracts, to conduct: (1) a review of the ISTEP program; and (2) a study of whether a cost effective testing program can be developed within Indiana that satisfies federal requirements.

Effective: July 1, 2009.

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January 7, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2008 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009] (a) As used in this
2 SECTION, "department" refers to the department of education
3 established by IC 20-19-3-1.

4 (b) As used in this SECTION, "ISTEP program" has the
5 meaning set forth in IC 20-18-2-10.

6 (c) The department shall conduct a review of the ISTEP
7 program to determine the following:

8 (1) Whether the ISTEP program has achieved the result of
9 improving students' academic performance.

10 (2) The effect of the ISTEP program on graduation rates and
11 dropout rates.

12 (3) The impact of the length and cost of testing under the
13 ISTEP program on school corporations.

14 (d) In addition to the topics set forth under subsection (c), the
15 department shall study whether a cost effective testing program
16 can be developed within Indiana that will satisfy federal
17 requirements. A testing program studied under this subsection
18 must:



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1 (1) measure both student academic improvement and the
2 achievement of standards;

3 (2) be subject specific for all subjects studied at a grade level;
4 and

5 (3) be capable of being a determinant in whether a student
6 achieves a passing grade in a subject.

7 (e) The department may enter into a contract with another
8 entity to conduct the review and study required under subsections
9 (c) and (d).

10 (f) Before September 1, 2010, the department shall report the
11 results of the review and study conducted under subsections (c) and
12 (d) as follows:

13 (1) If there is an interim study committee concerning
14 education, to the interim study committee.

15 (2) If there is no interim study committee concerning
16 education, to:

17 (A) the members of the house standing committee on
18 education and the senate standing committee on education
19 and career development; and

20 (B) the legislative council in an electronic format under
21 IC 5-14-6.

22 (g) This SECTION expires December 31, 2010.

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